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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Michael Strobel, et al. **Group Art Unit:** 3764 For: ORTHOPEDIC SPLINT Examiner: Serial No. 09/171,732 Michael Brown C 3700 MAIL ROOM Filed: October 8, 1998 **AMENDMENT A UNDER RULE 111** TO: **Assistant Commissioner of Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action (Paper No. 6) mailed on January 10, 2000, applicants request that the subject application be amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend pages 1, 2 and 3 as follows:

Page 1, line 10, change "Velcro strips" to --hook and loop strips sold under the trademark VELCRO--;

Page 2, line 5; line 33, both occurrences; line 37; line 39; page 3, lines 9, 10 14, 23, 25, 27 and 39, after "Velcro", insert -- ®--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-5 in the manner set forth below:

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